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COMMERCIAL.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. James F. Hudson and Co.,
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dated November 10 say:—The event of
note in the cotton world this week has
been the re-opening for unrestricted trad-
ing of the Liverpool and the New York
cotton markets, except so far that as New
York trading in new contracts is to begin
for January delivery, and at Liverpool in
May/June and onwards, and also that
in future no transactions shall be entered
into for deliveries more than 15 months
ahead. These resumption naturally at-
tracted large attentions on the respec-
tive Exchanges, but if any excitement
was expected there must have been some
disappointment. The opening was very
quiet, and prices made very little change
and a fair business was done in the raw
material. The ground is however rather
uncertain, and until the future is more
clearly defined, it is hardly likely that
many commitments will be entered into.
Since Monday the tendency of prices has
been downward, and Mid American Spot
which stood at 4.50 was reduced yester-
day to 4.40 but today is at 4.42.

The cloth market is not in quite the
dead state in which it has been since
the outbreak of the war, though busi-
ness is very much restricted. There is
enquiry for India on quite an appre-
ciable scale, and a little has been done—
China demand is not to the fore, al-
though some fairly large lines have been
put down in staples. The general out-
look is however considered brighter and
one hopes it is only a question of time,
and things will settle down again, which
will be helped when confidence is felt
that cotton prices are on a reliable
basis.

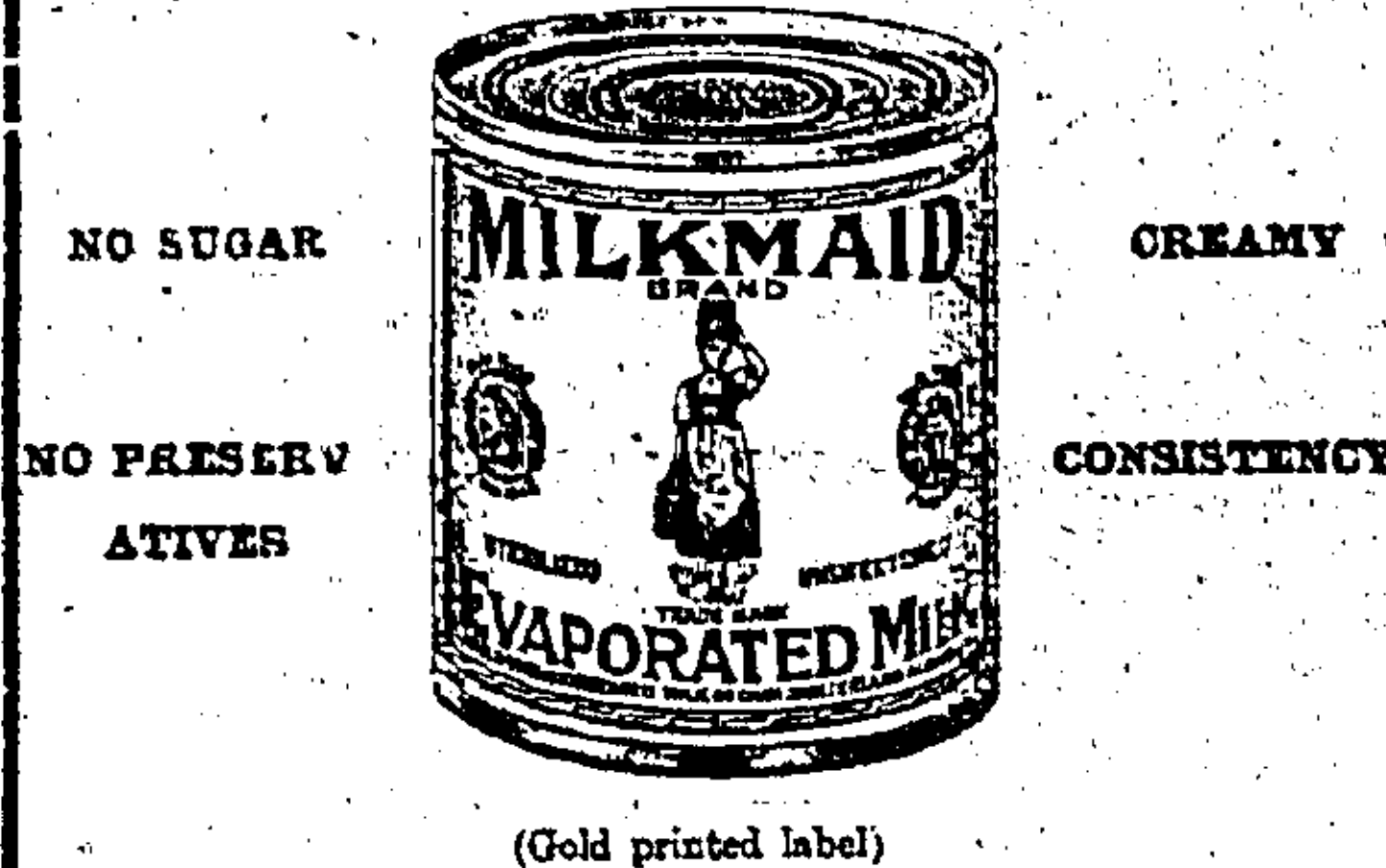
We are not yet resuming our cotton
figures as at present they are not of
much interest. The present American
crop will almost certainly be a big one,
possibly one of the largest, as is shown
by the fact that on October 21st the
gatherings were 9,829,000 bales which is
about a million ahead of last year and
only 142,000 bales behind the recent
crop of 1911. The figures for the last
fortnight in October were actually larger
than in that big crop year and see a
record.

THE LATE ADMIRAL GRADOCK.

Rear Admiral Sir Christopher George
Francis Maurice Gradock, last in his
ship's good fame off the coast of Chile, had
a long and distinguished career in the Navy,
which he entered in 1876. He saw service
in the Sudan in 1891, and after previous
experience in the Far East, in 1900 he was
given command in the Admiralty of the
British Naval Force which led the Allies
at the storming and capture of the Taku
Fort. On this occasion he was noted for
promotion for his gallantry, and was given
the China medal with clasps. Afterwards
in command of the British Naval Brigade, he
directed the British, American, Japanese
and Italian forces for the relief of the Tien-
sin settlement, and again at the subsequent
relief of Sir R. Seymour's column at Tsiku.
He was also present with the Naval
Brigade at the capture of the Peiyang
Arsenal. Tientsin. For these actions he
received the various medals and clasps, and
in 1902 he was appointed a C.B. He was
also decorated by the German Emperor.
Promoted to flag rank in 1910 for his
services in connection with the stranding
of the P. and O. Delhi, with the Duke and
Duchess of York and their daughters on
board. He was awarded the R.C.V.O.
Rear Admiral Gradock was well known as
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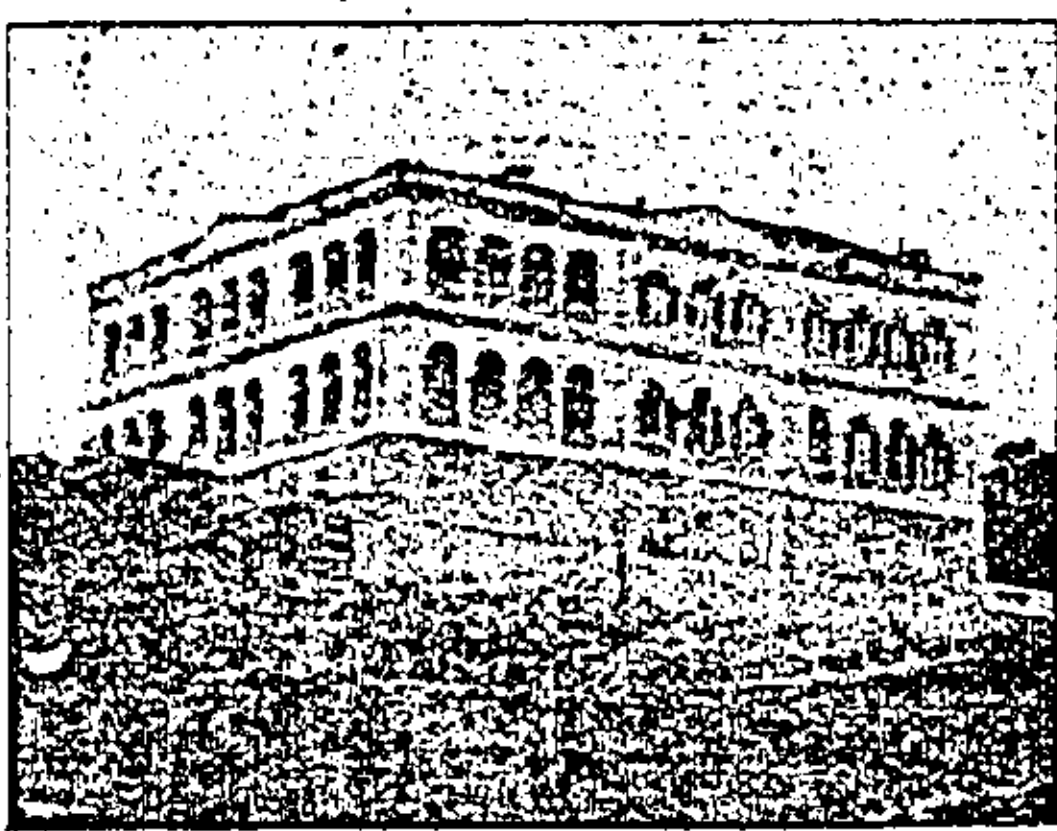
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trical Engineers was held at the R.A.
Theatre, Victoria Barracks, on Wednes-
day, December 16th, at 9.15 p.m. The
audience included most of the local mem-
bers of the Institution, H.E. The Gov-
ernor, Sir P. H. May, K.C.M.G., H.E.
Major General F. H. Kelly, C.B., Com-
modore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G., and
others.The Chairman, Mr. W. L. Carter,
after a few introductory remarks, called
on Col. W. Baker Brown, R.E. (Ment-
ion), to deliver his lecture on "Some
Military Uses of Electricity."Col. Baker Brown commenced his
lecture with the consideration of tele-
phonic communications for military pur-
poses. For permanent services, the
military authorities, he said, made all
the possible use, consistent with effi-
ciency, of civil lines and apparatus. At
home, the military telephones were used
in close conjunction with those of the
Post Office, the civil exchanges being
supplemented by military exchanges
when close secrecy had to be observed.
All possible advantage was therefore
taken of the skill and experience of civil
operators. In telephonic work, as in
all other branches, a skilled military
staff was employed to consider all inven-
tions brought to their notice with a view
to their adoption, and adaptation, to the
needs of the service, should they be of
sufficient merit. Field work necessitated
special features of all apparatus. All
the details of a telephone, or telegraph,
system had to be capable of being con-
veyed with advancing troops; of being
dumped into a minimum number of
carts, perhaps in a great hurry by quite
inexperienced men, and of being erected
quickly in any kind of weather with no
chances of mishap or mistake. All ap-
paratus had therefore to comply with the
apparently conflicting conditions: to be
light, strong, weather proof and fool
proof. Col. Baker Brown showed how
these conditions had been fulfilled in the
types of telephone used in the field
and by fighting troops. For instance
the conductors employed were of stranded
steel and copper, the steel to give con-
ductivity; they were paid out from drums
of required.For distances greater than those over
which efficient telephonic communication
could be maintained, the telegraph was
employed. Three types of telegraph
office were in use; the first was on the
duplex system and consisted of an office
laid having a total weight of about 1,600
lbs., such as would be used at the head-
quarters; the second was on the simplex
system and somewhat lighter; the third,
constituting the normal field telegraph
office, with a "hopper" instrument, had
a weight of 200 to 300 lbs. These
offices were connected to headquarters by
carried overhead on poles. The type
of construction employed in this part of
the world was shown. Bamboos were
erected carrying insulators at the top,
over which the line was carried, being
built up at each fourth pole to prevent
slipping, the poles themselves being
stayed where necessary. This type of
construction which could be looked upon
as practically permanent, was carried
out with a field service equipment at
the surprising rate of 24 miles per hour.
Even this was not sufficiently fast to
maintain communication when troops
were being moved rapidly in which case
the first line established was of cable
laid on the ground. The cable was
carried on drums and paid out faster
than the troops could march; occasion-
ally the horses on the cable wagon
could be allowed to gallop. Telegraphic
communication was maintained along
this line during the process of laying.
A horseman, following, hooked the cable
to the side of the road so that it should
not be damaged by following vehicles.
As rapidly as possible this line was
superceded by air line and communica-
tion, as permanent as necessary, estab-
lished.For reconnoitring and for communica-
tion with cavalry, these services were
supplemented by wireless. The designof a suitable type for easy conveyance
had given some scope for ingenuity. One
always associated wireless with large
cumbersome masts and antennae that
would be impossible in the field. An
efficient apparatus was, however, in use.
The mast was telescopic and the antenna
of the umbrella type. The dynamo for
supplying the power was driven by a
small petrol engine. There were light
and heavy types of installation, which
could be conveyed to the scene of opera-
tions by pack animals or by wagon.
The lecturer then explained the sys-
tem of using all the above with an army
in the field. The establishment and
maintenance of these communications
involved a considerable number of skilled
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regiments of which he is the head, he
holds the audience in the uniform of the
regiment thus favoured.Every day the list of his audiences
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superintend the preparation of the various
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WONDERFUL GUNS.

SHELLING OF GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

Lieutenant's Graphic Story.

Lieut. Piard, of the 30th Regiment of Artillery, attached to the 3rd French Army Corps, writing under date October 18, to Mr. George A. Mower, managing director of the Sturtevant Engineering Company (Limited), Queen Victoria Street, gives some highly interesting particulars of the splendid French guns: "We have had against us the army of the Kromprinz, very superior in numbers, and very well equipped as regards heavy artillery and aviation. This will explain to you why, having met this army on the north of Longuyon, we had to retreat down to Vaucourt, a little to the north of Bar-le-Duc. During this retreat, which was very well conducted, we inflicted on the enemy enormous losses. Our 75mm (3 in.) gun has been quite a marvel, and has worked wonderfully, chiefly on the passage of the River Chiers, passage of the Moselle near Dun, at Varennes, at Clermont-en-Artois, and also at Vaucourt, where one of our explosive shells dropped on a house quite close to the one where the Kromprinz was taking his luncheon. Our lowest position to the south was at Maritz-le-Grand.

At this time the victory of the Marne took place, to which we indirectly contributed, by holding considerable forces of the Kromprinz. When we put up our battery in this last position we received from the general the order to "resist to the last extremity," and you know what this means in military language. In fact, we did resist very well, without too much loss, and on September 13 the retreat of the Germans on the Marne involved the retreat of the Kromprinz's army, so that we could again take the offensive and march forward.

You ask me to report about interesting episodes, I should very much like to do so, but you don't seem to realise what modern war is. It has been said by a painter that a modern battlefield is simply an ordinary landscape where nothing special is to be seen, but clouds of smoke. It is quite true, but still too vague. First, there is, properly speaking, no battlefield, because we are fighting from the Northern Sea to Mulhouse; besides, it is not one battle, but a series of battles, lasting since August 2. The guns are constantly rumbling, even during the night-time.

UNLIMITED HUMAN RESISTANCE. From August 22 to September 25 we were unable to undress ourselves; from time to time we could take off our coats, but I had to keep my boots on for twenty-five days and nights. This seems to

show that human resistance is, so to say, unlimited.

I told you before that it was impossible to see anything. This is an absolute necessity of modern war. Everything that shows is immediately mown down. It is only possible to progress slowly by using Indian stratagems, that is, by taking advantage of every unevenness of ground, crests, screen of trees, and so forth, so as to avoid being seen by the enemy; besides, one must hide oneself from aeroplanes. We are always trying to place our battery under trees, and when they do not exist we fetch from very long distances branches which we place over the guns and ammunition so as to give them the appearance of hedges.

The Germans are sending us shrapnel 75mm. diameter, of which I will not speak, because we consider them with the greatest contempt; they are, so to say, harmless. They are also presenting us with some explosive shells 105mm. (4 in.), 150mm. (6 in.), and 210mm. (8 in.) diameter. This last size is the most terrible, and they have been nicknamed "flower-pots" by the foot soldiers and "porridge-pots" by the artillerymen. The 210mm. shell weighs about 100 kilos, and is loaded with about 15 lbs. of breaking powder, similar to our melinite, but not nearly so good. It is probably chiodit. The 105mm. shell contains about 800 grammes of the same powder, and the 150 shell about 3 lbs.

Luckily, these three sorts of projectiles are sent by means of gun firing with a very correct trajectory, so that they strike the ground with an angle varying from 70 deg. to 85 deg. They penetrate into the ground, where they make a conical hole, the dimensions of which vary according to the hardness of the ground. The result of this is that the greatest part of the explosive force is used for lifting the earth into the shape of a conical mound, pieces of which are dropped without great force at a distance of 25 to 30 metres from the bursting point. Another lucky thing for us is that these projectiles, whilst they are flying in the air, make a very typical screaming noise, so you can guess perfectly well beforehand whether the shell will or will not drop in your vicinity. If you think that it will fall at a certain distance from you, you don't need about it.

If you think that it will fall near you, you have to lie flat and to wait the

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three possible contingencies, which are as follows: If the shell falls directly on the man it is finished with him, because he is smashed into pieces, which it is not always possible to put together. If the shell drops at a few yards distance only, you must keep flat a few seconds. Then you can get up again, being generally unscathed, because the splinters and stones are flying over you. In the third instance, when the shell drops about twenty-five to thirty yards distant, you have to use the same flat tactics, but there is a risk of slight wounds or contusions, because you are in the zone of the returning splinters.

DEAF FOR A DAY.

Personally, I had at least a dozen shells bursting at a distance of less than five metres; I never got the slightest scratch. The shell that was the most uncomfortable to me burst at a distance of 30m. before I could lie down. I was deaf for the whole day, and totally tired out, but on the following day I was again quite alright.

The effects of these heavy shells are awful when they are dropping on a train of munitions. One killed four men, wounded three, and put sixteen horses out of service.

Our projectiles, speaking only of the 75mm. are much superior to the German ones. We are shooting with a bullet-shaped shell with a distance-limit rocket, and an exploding shell with melinite. The first is most efficient against the infantry in the open country. We have been making full sections, which were progressing by successive rushes. As regards the shell with melinite, it reaches the ground under a very sharp angle, so that it rebounds and bursts and mows down everything in the vicinity. The German projectiles all say that our little 75mm. gun, 75mm. is "sehr gefährlich."

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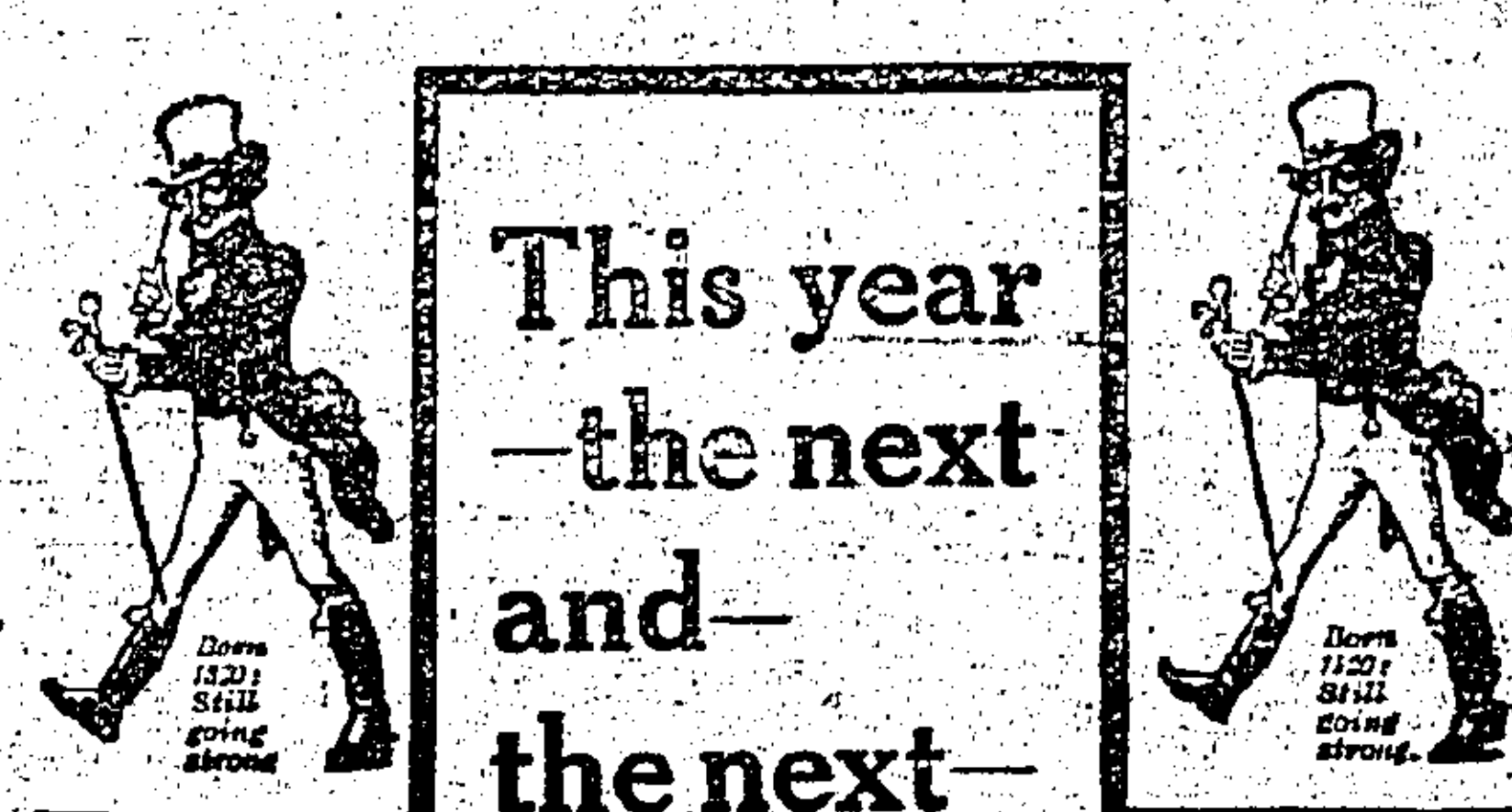
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THE CHILIAN COAST BATTLE.
A German Version.
Austrian, Nov. 14.
A Berlin official telegram states that a wireless report from the chief cruiser squadron regarding the naval battle of Coronel has been received from North America.

"On Nov. 1, off Coronel," it says, "the cruisers Scharrhorst, Gaisensau, Leipzig, and Dresden met the British cruisers Good Hope, Monmouth, and Glasgow, and the auxiliary cruiser Orlanito. During the fight the Nürnberg became detached. Fire was opened at long range, with heavy sea running. The guns of the enemy's ships were silenced in fifty-two minutes, and firing ceased after sunset.

The German fire caused a great explosion on board the Good Hope, which was badly damaged, and disappeared in the darkness, and in her flight she was sighted by the Nürnberg, which at once opened fire on her. The Good Hope then capsized. The heavy sea and the lack of boats prevented the Germans from saving the crew.

The Glasgow was apparently slightly damaged, but escaped. The auxiliary cruiser took to flight after the first hit. On our side there were no losses, not only slight damage was done. (Signed) von Bismarck. (Reuter.)
LMA (Data excised by Censor).
The German cruisers Leipzig and Dresden arrived at Valparaiso this morning. The officers stated that they did not take part in the recent naval battle. The appearance of the vessels certainly bears out this statement. (Copyright News.)



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NEW DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of English Jewellery
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11 a.m.—Auction of Wines and Spirits
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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Dec. 25 & 26—
H.K. Cricket Club 'At Home' to United
Services.

FRIDAY, December 25—
Christmas Day.

SATURDAY, December 26—
Boxing Day.

SUNDAY, December 27—
6 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, January 1 & 2—
H.K. Cricket Club 'At Home' to 'Rest
of League'.

SATURDAY, January 2—
9.15 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Frog
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre
Royal, in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

WEDNESDAY, January 6—
4.30 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Frog
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre
Royal, in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

SUNDAY, January 10—
Field Day for Volunteers and Reserves.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23, 1914.

AIRCRAFT IN WARFARE.

As this is a subject of very considerable interest, not only because of what has been predicted as likely to happen in a great war, or even regarding what has already taken place, but, more particularly, as to what the near future may hold the result of the introduction of aerial warfare, the potentialities of which are so very considerable, every phase of the subject is worthy of serious consideration. It is a fascinating subject, and therefore we believe that no apology is necessary for its again referring to it. Under the conditions of attack on aircraft there is, we learn, very little possibility of utilising the whole of the energy of the bullet on impact. Unless the motor mechanism or the pilot or gunner be hit, the character of the structure employed in aircraft is such that the bullet or projectile will pass through with a comparatively insignificant loss of energy and will do little or no damage. With the ordinary military bullet, and more particularly with the spitzer model, nothing less than an encounter with a heavy metal part will cause it to break up. Any non-metallic structural material, such as timber, is bored cleanly through, and if initially designed with a reasonable margin of safety, the resulting injury to it is negligible. The position is similar to that which existed, before the adoption of explosive shell, in the attack on the wooden ship, by the artillery or cannon of a century ago. At close quarters the cannon ball would go clean through, often with comparatively little injury. It is said that Napoleon, observing this to be the case, himself expressed the opinion that explosive shell (a then well-known expedient in siege operations) could be used in naval warfare with advantage. The situation is considerably more acute in the case of the attack on aircraft by rifle-fire, and so we are led, says Mr. F. W. Lancaster in his admirable series of articles in Engineering, to consider the possibilities of the explosive or expanding bullet, ignoring, for the purpose of discussion, the existence of the Declaration of St. Petersburg. The simplest form of explosive bullet, and one of the most effective, is that devised by Mr. Motford about the middle of the last century; this, as applied to an Enfield bullet of the period 1860. An explosive charge is inserted in the fore part of the bullet, and consists of equal parts of sulphur and chlorate of potash, this mixture acting both as detonator and "buster." The hollow-ended form, or "drilled-up" end, has the incidental advantage (that it alone will determine the expansion of the bullet on impact, quite apart from the action of the explosive charge. Another good form to take as the basis of an explosive bullet is the capped bullet, as used in sporting rifles, the space inside the cap being conveniently filled with mixture to Motford's specification. It is difficult, however, the cavity be arranged, to devote more than about one-eighth or one-seventh of the

volume of the bullet to receive the charge, and consequently, in view of the relatively low density of the explosive (about 1.8 in the case in point), the weight of the buster cannot be more than some 2 or 3 per cent. of the total. Taking the figure for cordite as representing the energy of the buster explosive, this means, in the case of the Service rifle, about 5 or 6 grains or 1300 ft.-lb. energy. But the efficiency of the buster is not likely to be higher than that which we associate with the main charge—it is at some advantage, inasmuch as there is no confined barrel to the walls of which heat is lost, but it is at a serious disadvantage, in that the explosion is not with any certainty confined to its work. It is doubtful whether of the 1300 ft.-lb. total more than 300 ft.-lb. on an average will be usefully expended.

A CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

At the Magistrate's today before Mr. Macdonald, a Chinese was charged on remand with assaulting Sybil Joseph, with attempt to rob at 13, Queen's Road East.

Inspector Gordon prosecuted and, outlining the case, said that complainant was lying on a sofa last Saturday morning when two Chinese entered her house and gagged her. One of the men went into a back room where complainant could not see what happened. Defendant was arrested by a money changer at the bottom of the stairs leading to complainant's apartment.

Complainant described how the defendant, carrying a cloth neatly wrapped, came up behind her and tied the cloth over her mouth. As she was struggling and attempting to reach another man, she was pushed down. She also received two heavy blows on the chest. Her watch returned after shopping and paid the alarm.

The man, in his evidence, said that he was half way up the stairs when he saw a man coming down but he was not the defendant. When she got upstairs, she saw her mistress lying helpless on the sofa. She remained and ran down stairs. Defendant, who came down after her, was chased and caught by a money changer and his apprentice.

After hearing evidence of the arrest, Mr. Macdonald committed the defendant for trial.

IN POSSESSION OF FALSE COIN.

Before Mr. Macdonald at the Magistrate's today morning, a Chinese was charged by Inspector Gordon with being in possession of 1,150 counterfeit Hongkong ten cent pieces and 25 counterfeit 20 cent pieces.

Defendant said that he obtained the coins in Macao and did not know that they were bad.

Inspector Gordon said the Police had information a week ago that defendant was passing false coin and they had been looking for him since.

The Court shooed said the imitation ten cent pieces were very good counterfeit, but that the 20 cent pieces were of inferior quality.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and four hours' stocks on the first charge and fined \$250 or two months' on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

In consequence of the war, the usual annual dinner of the China Association, originally fixed for 11th ult., was cancelled by the committee of the Association. Several members sent the amount of their tickets to the Secretary, and with each ticket it was desired to forward some comfort for the men at the front. Consequently 900 lbs. of tobacco and 570,000 cigarettes have been despatched.

JUDGMENT IN CRAGO-NOBLE CASE.

Mr. Justice Emswiler gave his decision yesterday, says the "Strait Times" of the 12th inst., in the case in which Mr. J. M. Crago caught to establish, despite the terms of an agreement made in 1909 with Dr. J. W. Noble, of Hongkong, a right to practice as a dental surgeon in Singapore. His Lordship in his judgment said that the clause in the agreement relating to the area from which plaintiff should be barred was too wide and therefore unreasonable. He referred to judgments by Lord Macdonald and Mr. Justice Sargent regarding the restriction which should be put upon plaintiff by the defendant. He held, for instance, that the agreement was reasonable so far as it concerned Hongkong. With regard to Singapore, also, he did not think it was unreasonable or injurious to plaintiff and he therefore found that plaintiff was not entitled to practice in Singapore. Judgment would be for defendant, with costs.

The steamer Hadden Hall, which went ashore during a typhoon on a reef off the Okinawa Group on July 25 while on her way from England to Japan to be handed over to her Japanese buyers, was successfully refloated by a Yokohama Salvage Association and towed into Nagasaki by the salvage steamer Arima Maru on December 7. The vessel will be docked at the Mitsui Dock there for examination and repairs.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Chinese celebrated the festival of the Winter Solstice—Tung Chih, to-day.

The port was closed yesterday morning by the authorities owing to fog, and several steamers, including the Canton and Marco boats, were held up for several hours.

About 8 o'clock last night an overhead tram wire broke in Des Voeux Road Central. Traffic was suspended for nearly half an hour. No one was injured by the live wire.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. have sent us two packs of playing cards and two bridge tablets advertising their famous "Watson's E" Whisky and Fyris—a splendid blend.

A shopkeeper, of 34 Stanley Street, has reported to the Police that during the night of the 23rd, some person entered his house through an open door and stole a gold watch and other articles, to the total value of \$72.

Mr. W. J. May, of the Hongkong Prison Staff, who went home on leave on May 15, rejoined the Middlesex Regiment, in which he formerly served, and was killed in action on October 12. He had been on the prison staff here about five years.

The new Tynne-built Clan Line steamer Cinn Ross has just been delivered to her owners, after a successful trial run at sea. The Clan Ross is a first-class cargo liner, and has been built with a cruiser stern, her leading dimensions being 445 ft. by 54 ft. by 32 ft.

The Police are searching for Chan Sham, a former partner with Ho Kan, shopkeeper at 180 Des Voeux Road West, who disappeared from the shop about the 22nd inst. and is supposed to have stolen \$130 in money. Chan Sham is also alleged to have obtained from a money-changer at 211 Queen's Road West the sum of \$200 by means of a trick.

Two firemen's cooks were asphyxiated on board the L.C. steamer Hangsang while the vessel was being fumigated at the Lower Hongkong Wharf on December 11. The men are believed to have come on board in a state of intoxication and to have made their way into the cabins unseen by the rest of the crew and were not discovered until the rooms were opened up on the following day.

A Chinese, who was returning home after many years in Australia, was charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's this morning with being in possession of a quantity of ammunition. He admitted the charge and was fined \$50. Another Chinese was found to be in possession of a pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition. He was fined \$250. When questioned as to what was in his basket he said "Nothing."

There has been quite a large number of officers and engineers enlisted for the fight from the fleet of the Indo China S. N. Co. The list includes Messrs. W. McNair, second officer, Hangsang, H. G. Foster, supercargo and second officer, Hangsang, Bateman, chief officer, Ousang, Hall, second officer, Ousang, W. Wilson, second officer, K'ong-sang, and McLean, third engineer, Cheong-shing. The men have been granted leave in all cases and have been assured that the time they spend at the front will be counted by the company for seniority pay. Their shipmates who remain behind will join in wishing them luck and a safe return from the trenches in Germany.

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An engagement is announced between Captain Fitzroy A. B. Johnston, of the 101st Grenadiers, I.A., and Miss Abba H. Veitch, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mrs. Veitch, of Maison Delacour, Cannes. The marriage will take place shortly at Bangalore.

News of the death at the front of the Rev. Foster Peggs, who went home last year after serving for a period as Chaplain to the Forces, has been received with great regret in Hongkong. Mr. Peggs was very much liked by the persons to whom he ministered and formed many sincere friendships in the Colony. A keen sportsman, he took a great interest in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and its competitions. Mr. Foster Peggs, who was probably 112 years of age, was married shortly after he went home.

TO BOMB GENERAL LUNG

A PRISONER'S ADMISSION.

Interesting Point of Law Argued.

Sir William Ross Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), and Mr. Justice Gumpert, sat in the Full Court this morning to hear argued a point of law reserved by the latter judge at the Criminal Sessions in the case in which a Chinese named Chan Hui Yuk was found guilty by a jury, of being in unlawful possession of half a pound of dynamite and five detonators, under such circumstances as to give rise to reasonable suspicion that he did not have the explosives in his possession for a lawful purpose.

The jury was asked for a special verdict and found as a fact that prisoner was passing through the Colony with the explosives in his possession with the object of finding some person to make it into a bomb and throw it at Lung Chai Kwong, Governor-General of Canton, wherever he might be.

The Attorney-General prosecuted, on the instructions of the Crown Solicitor; and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (assisted by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, of Mr. J. H. Gardiner's office) defended. Hon. Mr. Pollock submitted that under the section upon which the prosecution relied it was not sufficient to prove merely that prisoner was in possession of the explosive but it had to be shown that the circumstances of possession were such as to give rise to reasonable suspicion that possession was not for a lawful object. This was one offence, and the two clauses of the section could not be separated to make two offences. Both the possession and the circumstances were necessary to the offence.

The Chief Justice, pursuing the section, said it appeared to be as Mr. Pollock said.

Mr. Pollock said he should explain to the Chief Justice, who was not present at the trial that prisoner when arrested with the explosives in his possession, was about to board a steamer which was leaving for Macao. The prisoner's own statement as to what he was going to do with the explosive was what the prosecution really relied on, and he thought their Lordships would agree that apart from this statement by prisoner there was no evidence of lawful intent.

The Hon. Judge expressed agreement. The Attorney-General did not admit that this was the only suspicious circumstance.

Mr. Pollock further said that taking prisoner's statement as a whole his object was certainly to compass the death of or grievous hurt to Lung Chai Kwong. This was the object which was not lawful, but its commission was aimed at outside the jurisdiction of this court. His submission was that as the material part of the offence was to be committed outside, the jurisdiction of this Court had no jurisdiction.

The Hon. Judge pointed out that Mr. Pollock's contention really amounted to a submission that the offence was not an offence under the law of this Colony.

Mr. Pollock, expressing agreement, said the jurisdiction of this court was territorial.

The Chief Justice said he thought conspiracy in Hongkong to commit a crime elsewhere was punishable under statute and common law, and later on mentioned that mitigation to stir up or induce persons to commit crime in China was punishable here.

Mr. Pollock said there was no evidence of such intent in this case.

The Chief Justice expressed the opinion that if it was an offence to export explosives from the Colony prisoner's object was unlawful, and asked if it were not so.

Mr. Pollock replied that it was bound by the finding of the jury. The point that he had no permit could not be taken against prisoner now, because the Crown had not proved that he had no permit.

Their Lordships, without calling upon the Attorney-General to reply, held that the court had jurisdiction and that confirmed the conviction.

The Full Court having been adjourned, the Hon. Judge passed sentences of seven years' imprisonment with hard labour.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Messrs. Doonell & Co., Ltd., Local Agents of the Kailan Mining Administration, advise that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd., was to have been held in London on the 21st December 1914 when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1914 was to have been submitted.

EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the Credit of Profit and Loss Account of £152,268 made up as follows:

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits, less Sundry Expenses	£119,397
Interest	4,384
Agency fees	4,000
Sundry Receipts	50
Balance brought forward	5,854
Total	£152,268
Expenses in Europe	20,628
Directors' Fees	3,768
Income Tax	9,240
Preliminary Expenses	11,914
Leaving a Net Balance of	£112,238

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:

Interim Dividend, 10% paid 15th May 1914, absorbed	£50,000
Final Dividend, 5% (making 10% for the year)	50,000
Balance carried forward	12,238
Total	£112,238

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, November 19.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Heart of Mid-Lothian maintain their position at the head of the Association League table; Celtic, their nearest rivals, are four points in arrears, each with 15 games played. Hearts' superiority over Celtic would have been more justly reflected in a four-goal victory, and the "Bairns" ought to thank their goalkeeper, Celtic were easily better than Third Lanark, though the latter made a good show at the attack.

SPORT AS USUAL?

For some time public indignation has been rising against the continuance of Association football, and unless we are much mistaken there will shortly be an explosion which will considerably staidise those club managers and professionals who are showing themselves so inconsiderate to the national crisis. One circumstance which has caused much unfavourable comment is the misleading report issued by the Scottish Football Association as to the result of a conference they held some time ago with the military authorities. It is considered, however, that professional football does not come within that category, and that it can only be admitted on grounds of contract or employment. It is much more desirable that professional football players should find employment in the military service than in their old occupation.

With regard to the question of breach of contract, it is considered that this is a time when all should be prepared to make sacrifices. This statement has been brought under the notice of the Scottish Football Association, and they hedged on the question by saying that they must consult the Associations of the other three nations. In fact they wish to delay the discussion until the season is closed by the use of conferences and adjournments.

It is predicted, will not at all blind the public to their want of patriotism, and will certainly hurt the reputation of the game in future.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.

Hearts, 2; Falkirk, 0.
Queen's Park, 0; Hibernians, 2.
Raith Rovers, 3; Kilmarnock, 0.
Celtic, 1; Third Lanark, 0.
Dumbarton, 1; Rangers, 1.
Hamilton Academical, 0.
St. Mirren, 0; Aberdeen, 0.
Ayr United, 2; Greenock Morton, 1.
Partick Thistle, 0; Clyde, 0.
Dundee, 1; Motherwell, 0.

SECOND DIVISION.

Keith, 3; Johnstone, 0.
St. Johnstone, 3; St. Bernard's, 1.
Clydebank, 2; Dundee Hibernians, 3.
Dunfermline Athlete, 2; V. of Leven, 2.
Aberdeen, 0; Aberdeen, 0.
Fettes, 16; Loretto, 0.
Edinburgh Academy, 12; Glesnald, 0.
Dunfermline, 9; Glasgow H. S., 0.

PATRIOTIC CANADA.

University Battalion for the Front.

The men of McGill University Montreal, are calling the under graduates of Oxford and Cambridge to practical patriotism. A battalion for service at the front is being organized, and in many other ways the Canadian University men are showing that he intends to do his utmost for the Old Country.

The Graduates Society of the University has issued a useful statement for circulation in Canada. They point out that Canada and the United States could hardly avoid being attacked if the Allies were beaten.

"If Great Britain and her allies were beaten this war, Canada would at once have the choice of accepting the protection of the United States, if they would have her, or of becoming a conquered colony of Germany. She would probably become a German province or a German colony. The refuge would be only a temporary one, for a German, autocrat of enormous strength could never permit his authority to be weakened by the existence of a democratic America. The German population of South America and German interests there are already large; a conflict between the States and of a democratic Germany would be certain within a generation.

"Self interest," the statement adds, "no less than sympathy with the Allies, quarrel, and admiration of their fight against the enormous army with which Germany has confronted them, should convince every Canadian that the power which rules the German people must be destroyed."

NEW GOVERNMENT POSTS.

16,000 Created Since 1908.

According to a White Paper just issued the number of additional posts created in consequence of legislation since 1908 was 15,897, of which 5,187 were established and 10,710 temporary.

Of these 2,314 established and 9,181 temporary had a maximum salary of £150; 2,712 and 1,292 a maximum salary of £200; and 391 and 26 a salary exceeding £200.

Of these, 2,128 established and 9,987 temporary were appointed without competition, and 2,284 and 623 were appointed after competition (open or limited). The appointments without examination include cases of persons promoted or transferred from an existing situation in the public service obtained after competition.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

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SPORTING.

CRICKET.

The officers of the United Services will be "At Home" to their friends on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Boxing Day. The Band of the 74th Puncjalia will play during the afternoon and the afternoon of the 26th Puncjalia will play late on.

Hongkong Football Association.

BOXING DAY MATCHES.

Two good Association matches have been arranged for Saturday next at Happy Valley.

At 2.30 the St. Joseph's College team will oppose the Lam Long Wan King Club in a struggle for second division points and, judging from recent displays, spectators will probably be surprised at the degree of keenness and football skill shown in a 4 o'clock, exhibition match "Army and Navy" v. Rest of Hongkong have been selected, and with both sides anxious to come out on top, there should be little difference at the finish.

Teams—Army and Navy: Goal, Moore (R.G.A.); Backs, Fennemore ("Tamar") and McCubbin (R.G.A.); Halves, Wilson ("Triumph"), Martin ("Tamar") and Townsend (R.G.A.); Forwards, Hopper ("Tamar"), Davies (Stafford Department), Mason ("Tamar"), Sloan (R.G.A.), and Patterson ("Rosario").

Rest of Hongkong—Goal, Swan (Police); J. Clark (Police) and McCubbin (H.K.F.C.); Halves, Gardner (Police), Stewart (H.S.F.C.) and Long (H.K.F.C.); Forwards, Grimmett (Police), Robinson (H.K.F.C.), Kelly (Police), Stalker (H.K.F.C.) and Parnell (H.K.F.C.).

The Hongkong team will play in white; both matches will be on the ground of the Hongkong F.C., and members of the Club will be admitted, free to the stand—on production of their membership cards for the current season only. Ladies will, as usual, be admitted free.

MERCANTILE OFFICERS AND THE NAVY.

In response to certain suggestions made by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, Mr. Moore, the Secretary of that body, has now received a communication from Admiral Sarny, R.N., Director of Transport, to the effect that the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty have, after full consideration, decided that in case of all Officers holding Masters' certificates who are engaged on vessels taken over by the Admiralty and commissioned for service with the Fleet they will be granted temporary Commissions as Sub-Lieutenants, R.N.R., and in the case of the Second Engineers in such vessels they will be given temporary Commissions as Assistant Engineers, R.N.R.

GEN. BARNARDISTON IN TOKIO.

British Officers Decorated by The Emperor.

Tokio, Dec. 14.
General Barnardiston and his Staff visited the military schools and arsenal, where a reception was given by the Minister of War and the Chief of the General Staff. In the evening a dinner was held at the British Embassy, the guests including the Foreign Minister and numerous high military officials.

Dec. 15.
The Emperor has decorated General Barnardiston with the second, Major Pringle with the fourth, and Captain Moore with the fifth class of the Order of the Rising Sun. The audience at 10.30 a.m. was followed by a luncheon.—N.C. Daily News.

The British Press on Japan's Share in the War.

Tokio, Dec. 15.
"The Times" in a leading article says: "Need be said that the whole British nation and the whole British Empire share the sentiments which Mr. Winston Churchill has expressed to Admiral Yashiro, the Japanese Minister of Marine. We all recognize with admiration and thankfulness the great services of Japan in our common cause. We need not dwell upon the help Japan has given us throughout the war. She answered our appeal as became a chivalrous and honored people; she clearly perceived that this was a world conflict, a new moral status upon her and the joined in the greatest conflict in the history of the world as an equal among equals."

"The war has already begun to exercise far-reaching influences upon the relations of the East and West. Her co-operation in the defence of America and Australasia, her susceptibilities, must modify sentiments of our Dominions that sometimes threatened to raise delicate problems. She is proving her fitness and her right to take her place in the rank of one of the great world Powers."

"The Morning Post" says: "One of the most signal and gratifying events of the war has been the proof of how well fitted is the Anglo-Japanese Alliance to stand the stress of events and to satisfy completely the interests as well as the sentiments of the two Island Empires. The honour and welcome given to General Barnardiston in Tokio are deeply appreciated here. Her comradeship in the war has won her Japan an assured and an honorable place in the comity of the civilized nations of the West."

The "Daily Chronicle" remarks that Tokio has given a memorable reception to General Barnardiston and indeed the occasion warranted it. It is true that the credit for the reduction of Tsingtau belongs decisively to the Japanese, but it is the first time since the conclusion of the Alliance that British and Indian troops have fought side by side with Japanese. Bonds of interest still sustain the Alliance, but sentiment, brief upon the warm mutual regard and admiration existing between the two island Empires, nevertheless has an important part.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

MORE GROUND GAINED BY THE ALLIES.

VIOLENT BAYONET FIGHTING.

V. C. FOR LIEUTENANT HOLBROOK.

A WARNING TO MERCHANTMEN

BEWARE OF THE "AYESHA."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 22, 12.40 p.m.

With reference to the reports of the picking up of a collier by the "Ayesha," H.E. the Governor (Sir Arthur Young) informs the Straits Times that though there is reason to believe that the statement is correct, merchantmen should, however, still be on their guard against the Ayesha, especially in anchoring in unprotected harbours.

The "Ayesha" was the schooner belonging to Governor Ross, in which the landing party of two officers and twenty-four men of the "Endel" escaped when the latter was smashed up at the Caves Islands. It is believed that the "Ayesha" has some machine guns on board.—Ed.]

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE V.C. FOR LIEUT.-COMMANDER HOLBROOK.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Gazette announces that the Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant-Commander Norman Holbrook, for conspicuous victory when in command of Submarine B 11.

[On the 14th inst., the Press Bureau announced that Submarine B 11 (Lieut.-Commander Holbrook) entered the Dardanelles, and, despite the difficult currents, dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesoudiyeh, which was guarding the narrow strait. B 11, although pursued by gunfire and torpedo-boats, returned safely. She was submerged on one occasion for nine hours.—Ed.]

ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 4.55 p.m.

A communique states that from the river Lys to the Sea only artillery engagements have occurred. We repulsed, between the Lys and the Aisne, a German attack, the enemy attempting to debouch from Carenoy. We captured some houses in the region of Blancy. The enemy's attack on Nametz and neighbouring trenches did not permit our troops to make much progress in this direction. Three German attacks were defeated in the Libons district, and we also made slight gains to the eastward and westward of Tracy-le Val. Our artillery maintained an effective fire on the Mouhron plateau. There have been artillery engagements also at Rheims and in the Champagne and Argonne, while around Souain there was violent bayonet fighting. We made no appreciable progress in this district.

SOME SHARP FIGHTING.

More Ground Gained By The Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 5.25 p.m.

A communique states:—We have carried three German fieldworks, representing a trench front of 1,500 metres, in the vicinity of Pertho le Shirlas. We consolidated our positions gained to the north-east of Beau se Jour, and have occupied all the trenches bordering the bridge of Le Culvaire in the Bois de la Grurie. Our progress continues at Saint Hubert. We repulsed an attack made upon Bois Bolants, where some ground had been lost by us, and re-captured two thirds of it. Slight progress has also been made between the Argonne and the river Meuse at Vanquois, and our troops northward of Malincourt succeeded in getting past the barbed wire entanglement of the enemy's position, capturing some German trenches where they had hitherto held ground that we lost, and then re-captured at Bois de Consonoye ground that we recently won. The fighting was sharp. Nothing to report elsewhere.

ALLIES ADOPT THE OFFENSIVE.

"Exceedingly Good Progress."

LONDON, Dec. 22, 5.25 a.m.

A Paris telegram says there is excellent authority for the statement that the Allies in the West took a general offensive three or four days ago, profiting by the despatch of German troops to Poland. The Allies have made exceedingly good progress, though the resistance has been more formidable than was expected.

The Dutch papers report that the Germans have evacuated Mid-delcorke, and that the French have occupied Westende, near Ostend.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LOST TRENCHES RE-CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 1.10 a.m.

The Paris evening official statement says:—The British made attacks and recaptured this morning most of the lost trenches.

The enemy before Libons made four successive attacks to recover the trenches which we previously captured. All were repulsed.

We attacked north-west of Puisseleigne, south of Noyon, and gained a footing in the enemy's first line of trenches and advanced in St. Marc Wood.

THE FIGHTING ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

An official communique issued at Petrograd says the adoption of a more restricted front by the Russians is due to the concentration of very great German forces on the Russian front.

BY TELEGRAPH.

OPENING OF THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

France Certain Of Success.

LONDON, Dec. 22, 8.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that at the opening of Parliament in the capital M. Viviani, the Premier, made a stirring Ministerial declaration in the Chamber. Reviewing the progress of the war, he said France was in accord with her Allies in that she would not lay down her arms till she had avenged her outraged rights and she had regained for ever her lost provinces, until heroic Belgium had been restored the fullness of her material prosperity and political independence, and until Prussian militarism had been broken, so that there might be reconstructed a regenerated Europe founded upon peace and right.

The Premier emphasised that France was certain of success owing to the heroism of her army, guided by incomparable leaders and also the blue-jackets, with the British commanding the seas, protecting the colonies and enabling the transportation of troops to be carried out in safety. M. Viviani also dwelt upon the splendid financial condition of France.

GERMAN SUPPLY SHIPS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

British warships near the Falkland Islands have captured the new Hamburg-American liners Baden and Santa Isabel, which were acting as supply ships for the German Fleet.

(Official Telegrams from the British Foreign Office.)

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND GERMANY.

The percentage of unemployment returned in the United Kingdom at the end of November was 2.9 as compared with 1.4 at the end of October, and 2.0 a year ago. In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment (shipbuilding A) the percentage out of work is well below last year's figures. Last week it was 3.46 as against 4.31 a year ago. In Germany, despite the large number of men called to the colours and the quantity of government work, the percentage of unemployed was more than 10 per cent. as against 2.8 last year.

FOOD PRICES IN GERMANY INCREASING.

The wholesale price of sugar in Germany has risen M.1.50 per double cwt. The price of coal in the Saar District has risen M.1.20 per metric ton. A further rise in prices is feared, and prices are already abnormal.

The Reichsanzeiger urges economy of all food stuffs. An urgent appeal has been issued to individuals in Germany to give up all gold for use by the State in exchange for paper.

THANKS FROM THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

The Sultan of Egypt has addressed a telegram to King George thanking him for his assurance of the co-operation and protection of Great Britain, and expressing his resolution to devote himself to the progress and well-being of his people.

RELIEF FROM AUSTRALASIA FOR BELGIANS.

The people of New Zealand, Queensland and New South Wales have contributed £100,000 for the relief of Belgians in Belgium.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council will be held to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. The following is the Agenda:—

1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 98 to 99).
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 18).
3. Resolution:—It is hereby resolved that a sum of Dollars Three hundred and forty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and Cents ninety-three (\$348,866.63) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1914.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons.

Committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to "Chinese Passenger Ships" as defined by the Chinese Passenger Ships Act, 1885, and concerning Asiatic Emigrants generally.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Threatened with Revolvers.

Mr. Hazland this afternoon heard further evidence in the charge against six Chinese of committing an armed robbery at 5, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat.

Mr. F. W. Golding defended the first three defendants and Mr. Preston (of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master's Office) represented the others.

Defendants were arrested by the Yau-mat Police on information received, and it was alleged by the prosecution that, armed with revolvers, they dashed into 5 Shanghai Street when the occupier was saying "good-bye" to a friend at the door.

A folk of the house, giving evidence, stated that he was able to recognise three of the men slightly.

Inspector Gerard remarked that witness definitely identified the first three defendants at the police station.

Continuing his evidence, the folk said the robbers drove the members of the household into the kitchen, while he was cowed with a piece of fire wood and knocked on the head. The robbers threatened them with revolvers and ransacked the house, taking away jewellery and clothing to the value of \$40.

The hearing was again adjourned.

As Montie's will be closed on Boxing Day and in order to meet the great demand for seats, the Hongkong Hotel have kindly undertaken to receive applications that day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the A.I.C.W. Forthcoming Fair Dinner to be given on Saturday, January 2nd and Wednesday, January 6th (Matinee) in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund.

Arguments in favour of the submission followed and ultimately the case was adjourned sine die for the Magistrate to give a decision.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

WEEKLY REPORTS.

O. Cs. are requested to send their weekly statement to the Orderly Room not later than noon to-morrow, 24th inst.

PARADES.

There will be no parades on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th inst.

Parades for Monday, 28th inst. 5 p.m. Musketry instruction on Kennedy Road Range for the following:—

Recruits.—Left Section M.G. Co., Plesaj, R. Mangham and F. G. Thompson. Civil Service Co. Plesaj, R. Mangham, D. O. Macdonald, and F. W. Wood. Scouts Company, Plesaj, R. Mangham, D. O. Macdonald, and F. W. Wood. Scouts Company, Plesaj, R. Mangham, D. O. Macdonald, and F. W. Wood.

5.15 p.m. Nos 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 p.m. drill at Headquarters.

Remainder, Musketry and Bayonet exercises under Company Officers.

DETAILS.

Orderly Officer to-day and on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th inst. Lt. Weill.

Orderly Officer on 28th inst. Lieut. Danby.

Orderly Sergeant to-day and on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th inst. Sergt. Murdoch.

Orderly Sergeant on the 28th inst. Corp. R. E. Reid.

To furnish Guard to-night, Civil Service Co.

To furnish Guard to-morrow, No. 1 Section Artillery.

To furnish Guard 25th inst., Right Section M. G. Co.

To furnish Guard 26th inst., Scouts Company.

To furnish Guard 27th inst., Scouts Company.

To furnish Guard 28th inst., Scouts Company.

A TEST CASE.

"Chair, Missy!"

Two chair coolies were charged before Mr. Wood this afternoon with soliciting fares.

The Crown Solicitor prosecuted and intimated that the charge was really a test case. The coolies in question had stood outside the Hongkong Hotel shouting "Chair, Missy!" and the submitted that under section 20 this was an offence.

When people on the side walk, who were entitled to take chairs, were accosted by the coolies shouting, the coolies were soliciting and obstructed the free transit of passengers.

Arguments in favour of the submission followed and ultimately the case was adjourned sine die for the Magistrate to give a decision.

MONTH OF BATTLE AT YPRES.

BRITISH INFANTRY WORK.

The Great Defeat of the Prussian Guard.

NORTH-EASTERN FRANCE (Unaltered, received Nov. 15.)

It appears not to be the case that Ypres has ever been in the hands of the Germans since the battle around the sleepy old Flemish town began thirty-three days ago.

Advanced trenches in the neighbourhood were rushed on Wednesday by the Prussian Guard, but, as has happened before, the Germans paid a frightful price for their success, for the avisted troops and the reserves closed in on them furiously, and after a terrible struggle drove the remnant back to their lines, shattered beyond recognition.

I am informed that the struggle was one of the fiercest of this great battle, and that the Guard, as became a corps d'elite, fought with a courage, perhaps born of despair, which did not fail until more than half their number had fallen. The British line regiments engaged went at their foes with a tigerish determination.

There has been nothing like it, I am told, since those fifteen hundred men, remnant of 6,000 unquenchable British infantry, reached the crest of the hill of Alubera. Von Moltke once remarked, with some satisfaction, that the long-range rifle would nullify the British soldier's superiority in hand-to-hand fighting. How the Prussian Guard must regret that this supposition, like so many German theories, has proved baseless. Proud, indeed, may be the British regiments whose colours will bear "Ypres" among their battle honours in years to come.

DEADLY SHOOTING.

It must be remembered that this grim work of our troops was carried out after they had been bombarded fiercely for several hours—when, by all the scientific principles of warfare as taught in the German staff colleges they—or what was left of them—should have been demoralised to the point of surrender. Instead, their shooting was as deadly as ever, and their vigour in the ruthless counter-attack beyond praise.

A Belgian staff officer, full of enthusiasm, said to me yesterday: "If we had had a hundred thousand of these men with us at Liege, I believe we might still be holding our frontier on that side."

How long will the Kaiser persist in sacrificing his army in order to reach the Channel? The theory now current in high quarters here is that the most the German generals can hope for on the Eastern front in the immediate future is to stem the Russian advance. The only chance of a tangible success is on this side, and the Most Exalted Supreme War Lord is ready to sacrifice still further scores of thousands of his troops in order that he may have something beyond equality-lists to place before the Reichstag on Dec. 2 as the result of 120 days of war.

WALL OF STEEL-TIPPED RIFLES.

Up to the present his big guns, his volunteers, his live troops, and his own Imperial Prussian Guard have all failed to make any serious impression on the thin line of the Allied defence. He has nothing better to pit against this wonderful wall of steel-tipped rifles, which shuts off his view of the white cliffs of perilous Albion. But if he has not quality the Most Exalted unfortunately possesses quantity, and so we may expect the cry, "To Calais," to continue to be the slogan—and the death warrant—of the German hordes for some little time longer.

It ends our plans. In any case there must be no rest for the German armies in the west, and it is less expensive for us to hold back this futile offensive than to be forced to attack.

I learn that the Prussian Guard made another attempt to pierce the British line between Ypres and Armentieres on Friday. It failed, like the first.

German prisoners praise the work of our artillery, and especially of the heavy guns. They say it has severely tried the moral of the new troops, and has destroyed several German batteries.

The gale has ceased. Yesterday there was a distinct trace of winter in the air, with a blank, cutting wind.—Central News.

THE BENLAWERS AGROUND.

Accident in the Mist.

The misty weather experienced here for the past two days has caused much inconvenience to shipping. Steamers have been much delayed, and navigation in the vicinity of the island has been rendered difficult, so difficult in fact that the port was closed yesterday forenoon but only one accident has so far been reported.

This was to the British steamer Benlawers, (Capt. H. W. Bees of the Ben Line), which left London on November 1 for Singapore and Hongkong. Heavy seas were experienced on the way up from Singapore, and these gave place to mist and fine rain, which continued all the way to this port.

Monday evening was particularly thick, and at 7 o'clock land was sighted right ahead, an alarm being given and the ship stopped.

Fortunately the impact was comparatively slight, and the vessel came off, but her stern was bent and when she arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon her foremast was full of water. She will undergo examination and repair here.

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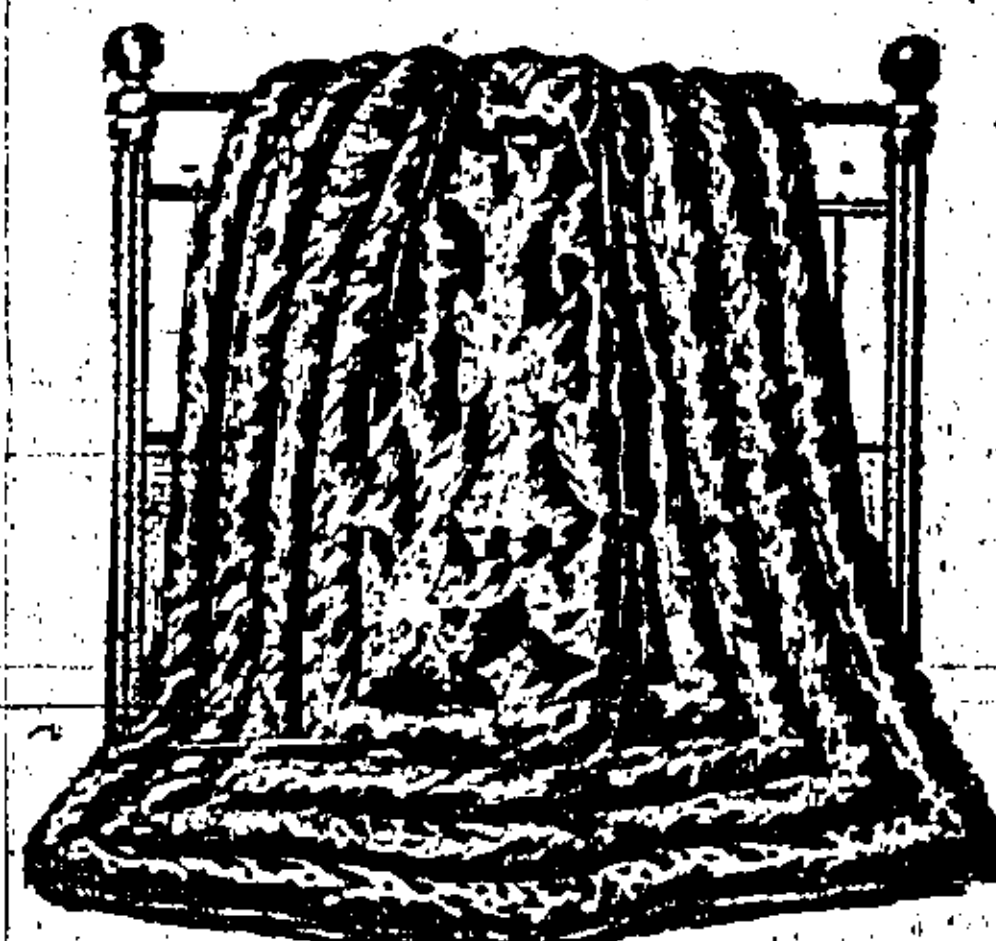
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1 Phial Pomeranzan Bitters.

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1 do Peppermint, Small
1 do D.O.M., Small
2 do Rich Old Port, Quart
2 do Perfection Whisky, Quart
1 do 20 years old Brandy, Quart
1 do Amontillado Sherry, Quart
2 do Medoc Claret, Quart
1 do Old Tom Gin, Quart
1 Phial Pomeranzan Bitters.

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2 do Medoc Claret, Quart
2 do Port, Quart
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Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1914.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. 'PATHAN'.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 16th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 28th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1914. 1313

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Goods not cleared by the 28th December, at 8 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 28th December at 9.30 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 14 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

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